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SUBJECT: PACIFIC LIGHTING/PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
LNG CONTRACT

1. AT LUNCH WITH DEPTOFF JAN 10 O'ROURKE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS DISCLOSED HE WAS IN TOWN TO ASSIST WITH NEW PL/PG AND E APPLICATION BEFORE FPC TO IMPORT ABOUT 52 MILLION CUBIC FEET PER DAY EQUIVALENT OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SOMETIME IN 1978. LPG WOULD BE SOURCED MOST LIKELY FROM PERSIAN GULF (SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, OR KUWAIT), WITH ALGERIA AS AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY. THIS ACTION IS APPARENTLY PERCEIVED BY THE TWO UTILITIES AS AN INTERIM MEASURE WHICH HAS BECOME NECESSARY IN VIEW OF GRADUALLY SLIPPING START-UP DATE FOR BEGINNING OF DELIVERIES FROM PERTAMINA. (VOLUME BEING CONSIDERED WOULD BE ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF VOLUME THAT WOULD BE BOUGHT FROM INDONESIA.

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APPARENTLY WOULD BE NO TANKER OR LPG-AIR MIXING PROBLEMS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE). LPG PURCHASE CONTRACT WOULD GIVE PL AND PG AND E OPTION OF CONTINUING TO BUY LPG BEYOND FIVE YEARS IF REQUIRED.

2. O'ROURKE REPORTED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY PREPARED BY FPC STAFF HAS BEEN GIVEN TO EXAMINER. HE

ADDED THAT FPC WILL HAVE NEW EXPERIENCE OF TRYING TO DETERMINE WHO SPEAKS FOR "PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA" -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OR ENERGY COMMISSION. IN PAST PUC HAS SPOKEN FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS, BUT BOTH STATE AGENCIES WISH TO TESTIFY IN PL/PG AND E CASE AND THEIR TESTIMONIES ARE LIKELY TO DIFFER ON SOME POINTS.

3. CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN GOGGIN HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN PERSUADED THAT DISADVANTAGES OF PRESSING FOR CONSIDERATION OF OFFSHORE SITING OF AN LNG RECEIVING TERMINAL OUTWEIGH ANY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANTAGES. THIS MAY HASTEN INTRODUCTION OF SITING LEGISLATION.
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